

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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SLUM FREE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a): whether the Government has drawn up an ambitious plan to make the country free of slum clusters in the next five years;
- (b): if so, whether the Government has conducted any study in this regard;
- (c): if so, the details thereof; and
- (d): the present shortage of dwelling units the required investment and the time likely to be taken for the construction of houses under the purposed area?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION(KUMARI SELJA)

(a) :In pursuance of the Government's vision of creating a Slum Free India, a new scheme 'Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY)' has been launched on 02.06.2011. Under this scheme, financial assistance is being provided to States that are willing to assign property rights to slum dwellers for provision of decent shelter and basic civic and social services for slum redevelopment and for creation of affordable housing stock. Fifty percent (50 %) of the cost of provision of basic civic and social infrastructure and amenities and of housing, including rental housing, and transit housing for in-situ redevelopment in slums would be borne by the Centre, including operation & maintenance of assets created under this scheme. Phase-I of Rajiv Awas Yojana is for a period of 2 years from the date of approval of the scheme, while Phase-II will cover the remaining period of the 12th Five Year Plan (2013-17). The scheme is expected to cover about 250 cities across the entire country by the end of 12th Plan (2017).

(b)& (c): Slums is a state subject. However, under the Slum Free City Planning Scheme i.e. the preparatory phase of RAY, launched in March 2010, an amount of Rs. 99.98 crores has been released to 34 States/Union Territories as 1st installment for undertaking preparatory activities including Slum Socio-economic Survey, GIS mapping, GIS-MIS integration, preparation of Slum Free City Plans of Action etc. The preparatory activities are being carried out in 185 cities and are at different stages of progress. 6 states have completed the Slum Survey while 22 States/ UTs have initiated the process. 5 states have completed GIS mapping of cities and in 23 States/ UTs, the process has been initiated.

(d) : This Ministry had constituted a Technical Group on estimation of Urban Housing shortage which has estimated the housing shortage as 24.71 million as on 2007. Out of the total housing shortage of 24.71 million, 21.78 million is in the category of Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and 2.89 million in Low Income Group. The estimated investment requirement for meeting the affordable housing shortage is about Rs. 6,02,000 crores.

RAY is both a demand and reform driven Scheme. Under this Scheme, assistance is being provided to States for slum redevelopment and creation of affordable housing. Progress would depend on the pace set by the States and their commitment to mobilize the technical and financial resources.